



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Sunny Brae Shaded Fuel Break		
PROJECT LOCATION	The Southeast ¼ Northeast ¼ of Section 33 & the West ½ of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt B&M	COUNTY	Humboldt
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Construct a shaded fuel break along the boundary of the homes adjacent to Arcata Community Forest. The Project will provide defensible space for the existing Wildland Urban Interface within the Sunny Brae area of Arcata for both residence and emergency response personnel. The shaded fuel break will be developed by pruning, limbing and brushing vegetation within one hundred feet of the property boundaries. Branch and leaf materials created will be chipped on site or lopped and scattered to within eighteen inches of the ground.

EXEMPTION STATUS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption | Type/Section: Class | 4 – Minor alterations to land - minor vegetation removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption (state code section): | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) | | |

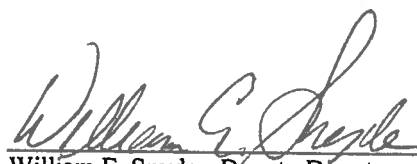
REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of Section 15304 Minor alterations to land Class 4__ Section 15304 (i).

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Consultation with United States Fish and Wildlife Service as well as the California Department of Fish and Game were conducted to assure the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant and animal species. Native American Cultural resource advisors were also consulted to assure no impacts to cultural resource would occur. Site disturbance will be limited to minor modification of vegetation. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE Humboldt – Del Norte Unit, 118 Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna, CA 95540.

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